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Honorable Earl Pomeroy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pomeroy:

This is in reply to your letter of February 8, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.


Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituents' concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituents to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,


for Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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JANUARY 25, 1993

REPRESENTATIVE POMEROY
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

DEAR MR. POMEROY:

I AM AN ADULT WHO IS AN AVID RADIO CONTROL CAR RACER. I HAVE FOUND RADIO CONTROLLED RACE CARS TO BE A ENJOYABLE PASTIME ACTIVITY. WE HAVE ALSO FOUND THE RADIO CONTROLLED RACE CARS TO AN EXCELLANT OUTLET FOR THE ENERGIES OF THE YOUTH IN OUR AREA. IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO SEE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE EXPENDING THEIR ENERGIES TO MASTER THESE MINIATURE RACE CARS. THE MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC KNOWLEDGE GAINED WILL NO DOUBT BENEFIT THEM IN THE FUTURE. OUR LOCAL RADIO CONTROL RACE CLUB ALSO PROVIDES ACTIVITIES AND ENJOYMENT FOR SEVERAL PHYSICALLY LIMITED INDIVIDUALS.

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED RULE THAT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

26 January 1993

1902 11th Ave. So.
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Dear Congressman Pomeroy,

We just received notification of a proposed change to the FCC regulations which could have a devastating effect on the hobby industry and a very important part of many of your constituents' lives.

The FCC proposal contained in PR DOCKET 92-235 would allow insertion of two new frequencies between each of the channels currently assigned for radio control airplanes, boats and cars. The insertion of the added frequencies would render the operation of radio control aircraft unsafe and could result in great financial losses and a real possibility of injury or death due to the interference of the added frequencies.

Our club currently has 108 members who have devoted considerable time, money and effort to this exciting hobby/sport. The average member in our club has three radios, three airplanes, three to four engines and other support equipment such as starters, batteries, chargers and tools to support the flying aspect of the sport. This amounts to approximately \$2000 per member in airplanes and equipment. Add to this the equipment required to build the airplanes such as saws, drills, sanders and other tools for building and the sum approaches \$3000 or more per member devoted to this hobby.

That's \$300,000 devoted to this sport in our club alone. There are at least six other clubs like ours within 100 miles of Fargo.

There are many reasons for keeping this hobby alive and healthy. In addition to the thousands of jobs supported by the radio control flying enthusiast, it provides a forum to get youngsters interested in aviation. It also provides parents and children opportunities for quality time. A day or evening flying or building is far superior to watching TV.